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Dear Dr. Singer:

I am writing you in the hope that you will be able to give me some direction in which to go for the information I seek. I don't expect you to provide the answers yourself nor do I expect to be counselled directly by you. I am looking for references and referrals.

I obtained the address to which I've sent this letter from the UCLA Psychology Department.

I obtained your name from interrogatories sent to me by Scientology in a lawsuit they have against me. The Scientologists and their attorneys apparently have a great deal of concern about you and also a fear that I might be in communication with you. It is ironically, in part the organization's fear that I might be in communication with you that has brought me to now write you.

Without burdening you with a book, a brief history of my involvement may be useful. I'm 36. I got into Scientology in 1969 in Canada, joined the Sea Organization in 1971 and left in 1981. I'm sure you're aware of what the Sea Org is, so I won't go into it.

1971 through 1975 I spent on board the ship "Apollo" the headquarters of Scientology and the home of L. Ron Hubbard and family. When the headquarters moved ashore into the US in 1975 I again was with Hubbard near Clearwater, Florida. In 1978 I shot movies with Hubbard in the California desert. In 1979 I was in charge of his household staff at Gilman Hot Springs, California.

From January 1980 until I left in December 1981 I worked on the research for a biography to be written about Hubbard by a contracted non-Scientologist writer. Through a series of bizarre circumstances and coincidences I was allowed to do the research more thoroughly than Hubbard or the organization hierarchy obviously anticipated and uncovered a great deal of original materials about Hubbard's past.

The materials showed that Hubbard, and the organization as directed by Hubbard, had lied about his past, including education, degrees, accomplishments, explorations, medical history, military history, marital history, awards, literary and film credits, and other things. I found materials which showed that scientific tests claimed by Hubbard for Dianetics and Scientology did not exist. I found materials which showed that Hubbard, contrary to what his PR staff had been putting out for years, had been involved in ritual magic, ritual sexual practices and drugs. And I located a number of his auto-suggestive writings which stated, among many similar things, that he was given this sector of the universe to control by God, and that all men will bow down to his will.

The discovery, assembly and digesting of this material over a two year period had considerable impact on me after more than a decade of dedication. At first I thought that the organization would have to change its PR statements about Hubbard to bring them more in line with the truth I had documented. I tried for over a year to get the truth, or at least a part of it, known within the organization and used in the publications the organization put out about Hubbard. My conviction was then that the organization could never succeed, and Hubbard's good works, if any existed, would never be accepted, if he and the organization continued to lie about his past.

Then it became obvious that neither Hubbard nor the organization hierarchy would admit to or change the lies. The organization moved to silence me, and realizing that I would be locked up, my wife and I left the organization.

Prior to leaving I also began to perceive much of the "technology" -- the Scientology auditing, ethics and administrative procedures and policies -- were not intended or used to help or free people as claimed, but were designed to convert people to the "proper" thought system and to exact obedience, even to stupid or criminal orders or policies. I also began to perceive more and more contradictions between what I had been told or what was written as policy and reality, and even between statements or policies within Hubbard's "technical" writings. The organization began to appear to me as an intelligence operation, and anything but a "church".

However, my wife and I actually left feeling quite philosophical about Hubbard and the organization, taking our 13 years of involvement as "an experience" and willing to live and let live.

But such an "enlightened" viewpoint did not last for long. Immediately after we left, members of Scientology's Intelligence Bureau contacted my family, my wife's family and our friends in and out of the organization. Shortly

after that the organization broadly distributed two "Suppressive Person Declares" on me, claiming I had stolen materials (the ones I supplied the biography author per contract) and connected me with Timothy Leary (about whom I know nothing). From my experiences, SP Declares are used to create an atmosphere into which it becomes permissible to carry out covert operations against the subject of the declare. When Hubbard's personal staff stole some things from me I contacted Michael Flynn, whom I'm sure you know.

From that point for several months I began to feel I was being followed and would be assassinated. My wife would not stay alone. I carried a knife most of the time and always slept with one under my pillow. I slept very fitfully and still do to a great extent.

After two months I confirmed that the organization had employed people to follow my wife and me. The following and harassment was intensified until a judge threatened the organization about it. Feeling that the only way I could exist against the harassment, rightly or wrongly, was to confront it, I did so, and whenever I could, I took photos of the people. In the two months of being followed 24 hours a day, I was assaulted, hit by a car driven by one of the people and twice one of them attempted to get me in an accident on the freeway.

In the same time period I made the decision to go as public as possible, thinking that my wife and I would be safer with the public exposure, and by making known what I knew. I did a number of television and press interviews over the next six months, detailing what I knew about Hubbard's misrepresentations and the organization's operations.

Scientology has sued me and I have countersued. I have also, because of my special knowledge regarding Hubbard and the top power clique of the organization, become involved in other lawsuits as a witness. I feel inextricably enmeshed in Scientology despite having "left" it.

I perceive the organization, or the few people in control, as dedicated to breaking me financially and causing me as much trouble as possible with the end of destroying me. I feel at times totally powerless against the organization because of its immense wealth and its followers' fanaticism.

I am appalled at the lengths to which this organization that I supported for 13 years will go to destroy someone considered an "enemy", and the viciousness of their acts. I will probably be thankful later that my attorneys have not resorted to the same dirty tricks that the organization and its attorneys use.

Any people I communicate to have become targets of the organization and I avoid people, other than those already involved as I am, for that reason. The organization has sought to embarrass me and make me unwelcome at my work by deposing people in my office who have nothing to do with my case or Scientology. People who approach me with friendship I size up as to the likelihood of their being sent by the organization "to get close to me" -- a Hubbard intelligence tactic.

Scientology and Hubbard occupy my thoughts a great deal. I continually look for tails when driving and watch for assassins. I am particularly aware of being set up in some way, either with planted drugs or stolen materials, or with a staged crime of some sort.

I expect the legal involvement will continue for 6 years or more. Even after that, the organization, and especially Hubbard, will not, I believe, forget, forgive or even abide by whatever the Court's ruling is.

On one hand the whole subject of Scientology seems nonsensical, with so much importance being put on something of no real consequence. On the other hand Hubbard and the organization act like terrorists and I feel duty-bound to confront and stand up to them. Mentally I flip between a desire and an inability to forgive, and a determination to continue the battle to the end, whatever that might be. The organization, through its attorneys, makes a mockery of my mental state. The legal harassment I find threatening.

All this is not a completely continuous condition, and I do take my attention off Scientology and turn it to other things like my job and school. Occasionally, too, I can see some humor in it all.

But I find that I have been becoming increasingly morbid, less outgoing, less willing to meet people, more guarded about what I talk about, and less trusting generally. I am apprehensive about possible set-ups and even assassinations, and the apprehension at times flips to a wish to get it all over quickly.

I have considerable difficulty accepting the mental state I have described as being self-generated which could be resolved without resolving the organization's, I believe, very real intention to see me destroyed.

So, what I hope you can help me with :

1. Information on the expected results of the kind of mental condition and pressure I have described over an extended period -- 13 years inside and an expected 7 year battle after leaving. I'm just looking for titles, and authors' names; I don't want you to send materials.

2. Information on dealing with an organization like Scientology, and coping with the pressures I currently feel.

3. Information on the process of becoming indoctrinated, perhaps as compared with the operation of similar cults or terrorist groups. How I was taken over is still unclear to me.

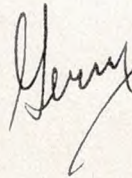
4. Any information on the pattern of decline or destruction of cults or similar groups. I feel that Scientology is nearing its end, at least in its present form, and I have a fear that as more pressure is brought to bear by litigants and government agencies, the actions of the power clique will become more severe. Perhaps you know of material on what can be expected.

If you can let me know any books which you have studied or material you've had success with with other individuals in situations similar to mine, it would be very helpful. I have read some books on cults since getting out of Scientology, but they were generally more superficial than what I am looking for.

If you know of any professionals in the Los Angeles or Orange Counties area who have an understanding of this subject, and to whom you can refer me, I would be grateful.

Thank you for your time and assistance.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Gerry", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

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